

## SECTION I—CLAIMS

### **Amendment to the Claims:**

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Claims 1-10 and 12-19 are amended herein. Claims 11 and 28-40 are canceled herein without prejudice. No new claims are added.

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently amended) In a client-server architecture, a [[A]] method comprising:  
providing, at a server of the client-server architecture, a Web service having a plurality of  
operations available to a plurality of clients of the client-server architecture via a plurality  
of underlying ports of the Web service, wherein each underlying port of the Web service  
defines (a) the plurality of operations of the Web service available via the underlying  
port, (b) the communication protocol and/or bindings used by the operations available  
through the respective underlying port of the Web service, and (c) one or more messages  
used by the plurality of operations of the Web service available via the respective  
underlying port;  
accessing, via a client of the plurality of clients in the client server architecture, a first logical  
port to defining a first configuration of a service endpoint interface at the server, wherein  
the service endpoint interface provides the plurality of clients access to the plurality of  
operations of the Web service through the plurality of underlying ports of the Web  
service, and wherein the first logical port comprises comprising an abstraction of an  
underlying port of the plurality of underlying ports of the Web Service available to the

~~client through associated with the service endpoint interface;~~  
~~selecting, at the client, an item of configuration information in the accessed first logical port to~~  
~~configure the logical port to access to the plurality of one or more operations of the Web~~  
~~service from the client through the logical port to of the service endpoint interface,~~  
~~wherein the service endpoint interface provides the access to the plurality of operations of~~  
~~the Web service through at least one of the plurality of underlying ports of the Web~~  
~~service; and via the first logical port, the item of configuration information to set one or~~  
~~more of an HTTP proxy, user authentication information, and protocol configuration;~~  
~~providing a value for the selected item of configuration information to define, at least in~~  
~~part, the first configuration of the service endpoint interface;~~  
~~accessing, from the client, the plurality of operations of the Web service through the logical port~~  
~~based on the configuration of the logical port, wherein the plurality of operations are~~  
~~accessed through the configured logical port to the service endpoint interface which has~~  
~~access to the underlying port of the Web service.~~  
~~providing access to the one or more operations of the service endpoint interface based on the~~  
~~item of configuration information and the value for the selected item of configuration~~  
~~information defined;~~  
~~accessing a second logical port defining a second configuration of the service endpoint interface;~~  
~~selecting a second item of configuration information in the accessed second logical port; and~~  
~~providing a value for the selected second item of configuration information to define, at least in~~  
~~part, the second configuration of the service endpoint interface.~~

2. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

~~-wherein providing the value for the selected item of configuration information comprises:~~

~~providing a HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) proxy address for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.~~

providing, at a second client of the client-server architecture, access to the plurality of operations of the Web service through the service endpoint interface to the second client by configuring a second logical port to the service endpoint interface, wherein configuring the second logical port to the service endpoint interface configures access to the plurality of operations of the Web service through a second underlying port of the Web service via the service endpoint interface; and  
accessing the plurality of operations of the Web service through the second logical port configured at the second client.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein~~ providing a the value for the selected item of configuration information to define, at least in part, the ~~first~~ configuration of the service endpoint interface, wherein the first configuration comprises: ~~providing~~ an access address for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.

4. (Currently amended) The method of claim 3, wherein ~~providing~~ the access address for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface comprises:  
~~providing~~ a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.

5. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~providing~~ the value for the selected item of configuration ~~information to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the service endpoint interface~~ comprises: ~~specifying~~ an authentication type for the ~~first~~ configuration of the service endpoint interface.

6. (Currently amended) The method of claim 5, wherein ~~specifying~~ the authentication type for

the ~~first configuration of the service endpoint interface~~ comprises: one or more  
~~specifying the use of client certificates for the first configuration of the service endpoint~~  
interface.

7. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~providing~~ the value for the selected item  
of configuration information ~~to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the~~  
~~service endpoint interface~~ comprises: ~~specifying~~ a transport guarantee for the first  
configuration of the service endpoint interface.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 7, wherein ~~specifying~~ the transport guarantee for  
the ~~first configuration of the service endpoint interface~~ comprises: ~~specifying~~ an  
encryption type for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the ~~specified~~ encryption type is a Secure  
Socket Layer protocol based encryption type.

10. (Currently amended) The method of claim 10, wherein ~~providing~~ the value for the selected  
item of configuration information ~~to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the~~  
~~service endpoint interface~~ comprises: ~~specifying~~ a name for the first configuration of the  
service endpoint interface.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently amended) A computer-accessible storage medium having instructions stored  
thereon that, when executed in a client-server architecture, cause a client and a server to  
execute a method ~~An application server~~ comprising:  
providing, at the server of the client-server architecture, a Web service having a plurality of  
operations available to a plurality of clients of the client-server architecture via a plurality  
of underlying ports of the Web service, wherein each underlying port of the Web service

defines (a) the plurality of operations of the Web service available via the underlying port, (b) the communication protocol and/or bindings used by the operations available through the respective underlying port of the Web service, and (c) one or more messages used by the plurality of operations of the Web service available via the respective underlying port;

accessing, via a client of the plurality of clients in the client server architecture, a logical port to a service endpoint interface at the server, wherein the service endpoint interface provides the plurality of clients access to the plurality of operations of the Web service through the plurality of underlying ports of the Web service, and wherein the logical port comprises an abstraction of an underlying port of the plurality of underlying ports of the Web Service available to the client through the service endpoint interface;

selecting, at the client, an item of configuration information in the logical port to configure the logical port to access to the plurality of operations of the Web service from the client through the logical port to the service endpoint interface, wherein the service endpoint interface provides the access to the plurality of operations of the Web service through at least one of the plurality of underlying ports of the Web service; and

accessing, from the client, the plurality of operations of the Web service through the logical port based on the configuration of the logical port, wherein the plurality of operations are accessed through the configured logical port to the service endpoint interface which has access to the underlying port of the Web service.

~~a Web service client having a service endpoint interface to expose a Web service method to a client application; and~~

~~a processor and logic executable thereon to:~~

~~access a first logical port defining a first configuration of the service endpoint interface,  
the first logical port comprising an abstraction of an underlying port associated  
with the service endpoint interface,  
select an item of configuration information in the accessed first logical port to configure  
access to one or more operations of the service endpoint interface via the first  
logical port, the item of configuration information to set one or more of an HTTP  
proxy, user authentication information, and protocol configuration,  
provide a value for the selected item of configuration information to define, at least in  
part, the first configuration of the service endpoint interface; and wherein the  
processor and logic to further:  
access a second logical port defining a second configuration of the service endpoint  
interface,  
select a second item of configuration information in the accessed second logical port, and  
provide a value for the selected second item of configuration information to  
define, at least in part, the second configuration of the service endpoint  
interface.~~

13. (Currently amended) The computer-accessible storage medium application server of claim 12, wherein the item of configuration ~~processor and logic executable thereon to provide configuration information to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the service endpoint interface comprises:~~

~~a processor and logic executable thereon~~ to provide a HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) proxy address for the ~~first~~ configuration of the service endpoint interface.

14. (Currently amended) The computer-accessible storage medium ~~application server of claim~~

12, wherein item of configuration ~~the processor and logic executable thereon to provide~~  
configuration information to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the service  
endpoint interface comprises:

~~a processor and logic executable thereon~~ to provide an access address for the first configuration  
of the service endpoint interface.

15. (Currently amended) The computer-accessible storage medium ~~application server of claim~~  
12, wherein the item of configuration ~~processor and logic executable thereon to provide~~  
the access address for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface comprises:  
~~a processor and logic executable thereon~~ to provide a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the  
first configuration of the service endpoint interface.

16. (Currently amended) The computer-accessible storage medium ~~application server of claim~~  
12, wherein the item of configuration ~~processor and logic executable thereon to provide~~  
configuration information to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the service  
endpoint interface comprises:  
~~a processor and logic executable thereon~~ to specify an authentication type for the first  
configuration of the service endpoint interface.

17. (Currently amended) The computer-accessible storage medium ~~application server of claim~~  
12, wherein the item of configuration ~~processor and logic executable thereon to provide~~  
configuration information to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the service  
endpoint interface comprises:  
~~a processor and logic executable thereon~~ to specify a transport guarantee for the first  
configuration of the service endpoint interface.

18. (Currently amended) The computer-accessible storage medium ~~application server of claim~~

12, wherein the item of configuration ~~processor and logic executable thereon to provide~~  
configuration information to define, at least in part, the first configuration of the service  
~~endpoint interface comprises:~~

~~a processor and logic executable thereon to specify a name for the first configuration of the~~  
service endpoint interface.

19. (Currently amended) A Web service client to execute at a client device within a client-server  
architecture, wherein the Web service client comprises: ~~comprising:~~

~~a service endpoint interface to expose a Web service method to a client application;~~

a logical port of the client to access a Web service provided by a server within the client-server  
architecture, the Web service having a plurality of operations available to the client of the  
client-server architecture via a plurality of underlying ports of the Web service, wherein  
each underlying port of the Web service defines (a) the plurality of operations of the Web  
service available via the underlying port, (b) the communication protocol and/or bindings  
used by the operations available through the respective underlying port of the Web  
service, and (c) one or more messages used by the plurality of operations of the Web  
service available via the respective underlying port;

the client to access a service endpoint interface at the server through the logical port of the client,  
wherein the service endpoint interface provides the client access to the plurality of  
operations of the Web service through the plurality of underlying ports of the Web  
service, and wherein the logical port comprises an abstraction of an underlying port of the  
plurality of underlying ports of the Web Service available to the client through the service  
endpoint interface;

the client to select an item of configuration information in the logical port to configure the



logical port to access to the plurality of operations of the Web service from the client through the logical port to the service endpoint interface at the server, wherein the service endpoint interface provides the access to the plurality of operations of the Web service through at least one of the plurality of underlying ports of the Web service.

~~implemented between the client application and the service endpoint interface to define a first configuration of the service endpoint interface, the logical port comprising an abstraction of an underlying port associated with the service endpoint interface, wherein the logical port to provide one or more of an HTTP proxy, user authentication information, and protocol configuration to set the first configuration; and~~  
~~a second logical port implemented between the client application and the service endpoint interface to define a second configuration of the service endpoint interface.~~

20. (Original) The Web service client of claim 19, wherein the logical port specifies an HyperText Transfer Protocol (HTTP) proxy for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.
21. (Original) The Web service client of claim 19, wherein the logical port specifies an access address for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.
22. (Original) The Web service client of claim 21, wherein the specified access address is a Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.
23. (Original) The Web service client of claim 19, wherein the logical port specifies an authentication type for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.
24. (Original) The Web service client of claim 23, wherein the specified authentication type is a certificate based authentication type.

25. (Original) The Web service client of claim 19, wherein the logical port specifies a name for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.

26. (Original) The Web service client of claim 19, wherein the logical port specifies a transport layer security protocol to be implemented for the first configuration of the service endpoint interface.

27. (Original) The Web service client of claim 26, wherein the specified transport layer security protocol is based on a Secure Socket Layer protocol.

28-40. (Canceled).